



May 2, 2008

Dear Teachers,

We appreciate you and the work that you do. To show our appreciation, we try to make your job easier by providing (in addition to our workshops, classes, and resources) useful tidbits of information found in this newsletter. Enjoy!

Teacher Appreciation Day is May 6th

Upcoming Classes and Workshops

There are still a few openings in the EDUC 656 "Inquiry Methods in Math and Science" graduate course as well as the "Inquiry Design and Methodology" course. The first class meeting dates for both classes are Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9. Register now and mark you calendars.

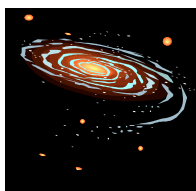
Final Thoughts:

Think about it...

"If it's too easy for you to do it, it's probably too easy for your students to do it." Lucia Guarino, former middle school science teacher quoting advice she received from a colleague.

"...I didn't know the answers to some of the questions they were asking. So my students and I were both having Ah-Ha moments as the same time..." Melissa Busse, 3rd grade teacher, Elon Elementary and recent graduate of our Inquiry Methods in Math and Science course.

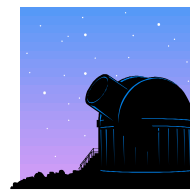
Check Out These Resources:

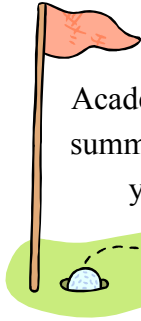


Astronomy Day is May 10th.

Check out the website by the Astronomical League by clicking on the following link.

[Astronomy Day](#)





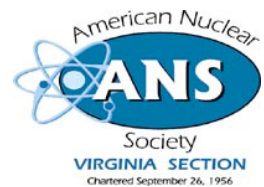
ExxonMobil Teachers Academy

If you watched The Masters, you heard of the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy started by Phil and Amy Mickelson. It is an all-expense paid week-long summer camp for third through fifth grade math and science teachers. You can submit your application and then encourage your students to nominate you. This is a great way for your students to show their appreciation! The deadline is October 31st for the summer 2009 camp. For more information, click on the following link: SendMyTeacher.com

Science of Nuclear Energy and Radiation

A 4-day science teacher workshop July 8-12 at the University of Richmond. Teachers will visit the North Anna Power Station, tour VCU's Nuclear Medicine Facilities, and experience hands-on lab experiments using Geiger-Muller Counters. Click on the link below for more information.

[Science of Nuclear Energy and Radiation](#)



Submit a proposal for funding for supplies or equipment for a class project at www.donorschoose.org, and donors can choose which projects to support. Check out other proposals on the site to get an idea of what to ask for and how to ask. There is **no deadline**.

Don't forget, if you have contacted Arlene, our Instructional Support Specialist, please fill out a survey by clicking on the following link [ISS survey](#) or by going to the website www.sxi.sbc.edu and clicking on ISS Survey on the left hand side of the page. Your responses are anonymous. If you fill out a survey, you will be eligible for one of two liquid nitrogen ice cream days!

Are you doing anything exciting this summer, besides coming to our classes? Let us know! And remember, we're here to help you - just email your Instructional Support Specialist, Arlene Vinion-Dubiel, at dubiel@sbc.edu.

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